

SENATE BILL 2762

By Burks

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 111 in Putnam County in honor of former Representative Jerry A. Jared.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those statesmen who have served this State with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jerry A. Jared of Cookeville is a well-rounded gentleman who has served astutely in the diverse worlds of law, politics, and government; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Jared served the good people of Putnam County during the 91st through 95th General Assemblies as a member of the House of Representatives, always working with purpose and conviction to guarantee the health and prosperity of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, he also earned the confidence and respect of his colleagues during his two terms as House Democratic Caucus Chairman; and

WHEREAS, a gifted attorney, Representative Jared also served with distinction as a Delegate to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention of 1972; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Jared was instrumental in convincing Governor Lamar Alexander of the importance of State Route 111 to Middle Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, he served on the Highway 111 Committee with his Upper Cumberland colleagues and worked tirelessly to make the completion of State Route 111 a reality; and

WHEREAS, because Jerry Jared played such an important role in the completion of State Route 111, it is most fitting that a segment of such highway should bear his honorable name; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 111 in Putnam County from the White County - Putnam County boundary to a point one (1) mile north of such boundary is hereby designated the "Jerry A. Jared Highway" in tribute to an excellent public servant and even finer human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 111 described in Section 1 as the "Jerry A. Jared Highway" .

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.